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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/20/07.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 is confusing because it refers to a solid or solid mixture comprising one or more surfactants, but later in the claim the solid or solid mixture is formed by fatty alcohols or mixture of fatty alcohols with other components. Are both surfactants and fatty alcohols required in the composition, or just one of these components? For purposes of this action, the examiner will treat the claims as requiring both a surfactant and a fatty alcohol. The claims should be rewritten so this is clear.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wierenga et al, US 5,002,681.

5. Wierenga et al teach a particulate fabric softener prepared by blending a perfumed particle into a molten fabric softener comprising a cationic surfactant, cetyl alcohol, and nonionic surfactant, followed by cooling and grinding the perfumed softener into particles (col. 10, examples III and IV). As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.
6. Claims 1, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Young, US 4,152,272.
7. Young teaches a particulate fabric softener prepared by melting a cationic surfactant, tallow alcohol, and perfume, followed by cooling and grinding the perfumed softener into particles (col. 11, example 9). As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.
8. Claims 1, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Banowski et al, US 6,569,438.
9. Banowski et al teach a deodorant stick prepared by pouring a heated liquid into a mold, and allowing the liquid to cool and solidify, wherein the deodorant stick comprises octyl dodecanol, ethoxylated alcohol surfactant, fatty acid, and perfume oil (col. 6, example K9). As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

10. Claims 1, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Joshi, US 4,017,574.

11. Joshi teaches a soap bar prepared by heating a base soap material and mixing in a fatty alcohol and perfume, allowing the soap to cool and solidify, wherein the soap bar comprises cetyl alcohol, soap base, and perfume (col. 5, example 3). As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

12. Claims 1, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sawin et al, US 5,916,546.

13. Sawin et al teach a deodorant stick prepared by pouring a heated liquid into a mold, and allowing the liquid to cool and solidify, wherein the deodorant stick comprises stearyl alcohol, ethoxylated alcohol surfactant, and perfume (col. 12, example I). As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

14. Claims 1, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suffis et al, US 5,378,468.

15. Suffis et al teach a deodorant stick prepared by pouring a heated liquid into a mold, and allowing the liquid to cool and solidify, wherein the deodorant stick comprises stearyl alcohol, propoxylated alcohol surfactant, and fragrance (col. 17, example B). As

this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

Allowable Subject Matter

16. Claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not teach the high amounts of the specific C22 alcohol together with the other high amounts of specific components presently claimed.

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The examiner notes that the prior art is replete with soap bars, fabric softeners, deodorant sticks, and even candles, which will at least render obvious present claim 1.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles I. Boyer whose telephone number is 571 272 1311. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571 272 1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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